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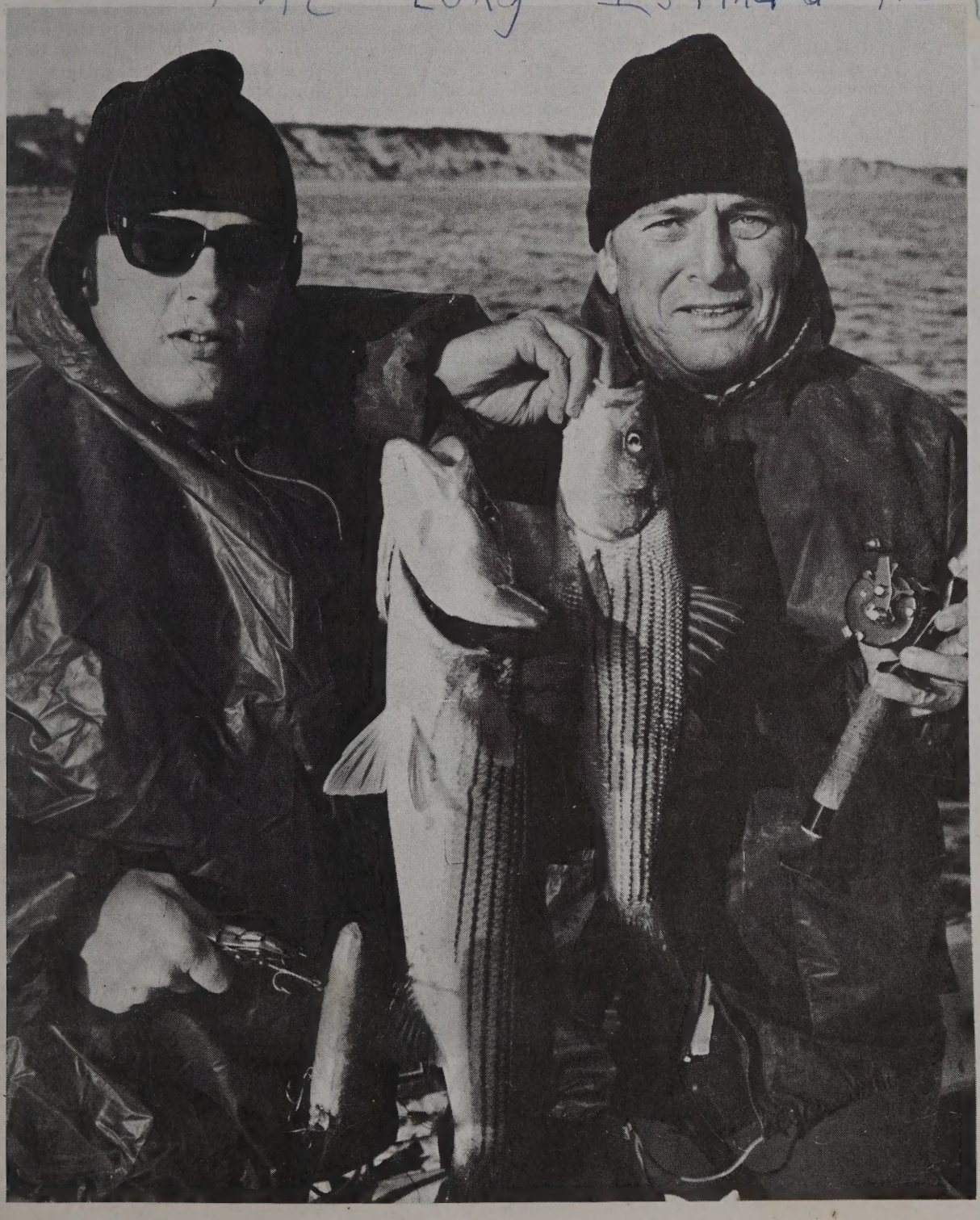

BRING THEM BACK ALIVE

by Ted Ness

In spite of what the title implies, this short article is on the preservation of fishermen . . . not fish.

Fishermen are fanatics . . . to this I must confess. When the fish are biting, it's "Damn the torpedos, full speed ahead." By taking a sixteen foot outboard out in a hurricane to fish for stripers, I have earned the nickname "The Mad Viking" bestowed upon me by my nervous wife. I like most other fishermen, will neglect my job, family, and health to catch fish, which I will often end up giving away.

As in any other sport, there are many perils to be faced in the pursuit of fish. They range from minor "hook in the finger" accidents to being lost at sea during a storm. The odds against being involved in any mishap can be reduced considerably by taking simple precautions and developing good fishing habits.

Although the men who ply the ocean for their gamefish are apt to face considerably more dangers than the bay fisherman, I venture to guess that more men are lost in the inland waters than the open sea. This is due partly to the fact that inexperienced seamen will be more apt to be found in the rental rowboats or the small outboards covering the bays and canals. In my opinion, most offshore fishermen are good sailors and will appreciate the seaworthiness and capabilities of their craft.

The Coast Guard, and many other orgainzations, have lists of rules and safety equipment that should be familar to all who go out on the water. You may never need this information but if you do, it may possibly save your life . . . so learn all you can . . . while you're able.

One of the most frequent of fishing accidents involves the fish hook. It is (or should be) sharp, and is designed to penetrate easily into the flesh. The barb is designed so that it will not come out easily when it's embedded which is great on fish . . . but somewhat of a problem on fingers. You have three ways to remove the hook: one, wiggle and flinch until the hook backs out; two, cut the flesh until the hook can be removed; three, push the barb through and cut it off so that the hook can be backed out. Although none of this is pleasant, it is usually a minor wound, and protected against infection, will be little more than annoying. A hook embedded in the eye however is a serious thing and for this reason, simple precautions should be taken when using and storing hooks.

Do not cast in close proximity to other people is rule one. If you ever were connected to a stuggling fish by a hook embedded in your hand, you will be well aware of rule two . . . use caution in handling a hooked fish. Do not store your rods leaving unprotected hooks dangling to hook the unwary.

The fish themselves, can inflict pain and anguish upon the careless angler. With their sharp teeth and spines, as well as their brute strength, they can do a job on you that might put a quick end to the day's fishing.

Almost everyone who has handled fish, has at one time or another, been stuck with a fish spine. The bergall, sea robin and the blackfish are well known for their sticky armament. The bluefish, fluke, weakfish, and shark can teach you respect for their toothy abilities. (I still carry a scar from a bluefish bite that happened four years ago.)

Sharks, tuna, billfish and other large billfish and other large fish, have tremendous strength and even those without coronary problems, should respect this power. A leader looped around a wrist, or gaffing with a fixed handle gaff, can leave you one hand short or at best a nasty lump on the head. (A mako almost "holed" my boat with the handle of a gaff . . . which fortunately shattered before the side of the boat.)

With sharks especially, you must use extreme caution, and you should NEVER bring one in the boat . . . REGARDLESS of size. A shark's skin can do a belt sander job on any of your hide it contacts.

There are also many fish that have extra armament. The horned dog fish has two spikes that can inflict painful and slow healing wounds that often become infected. Jellyfish, especially the portugese man-of-war, can when snagged on a lure, sting seriously enough to put you out of action for the day. Electric eels and rays, though seldom caught, can also ruin your day.

For surf fishermen, there is always slippery jetties and sneaky breakers waiting to put an end to the unwary.

Safety in fishing, is mainly an awareness of the potential dangers, common sense in facing them, and equipment to treat the wounds inflicted. First aid equipment is a must for the angler who takes his health seriously.

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CHUM LINES

Dear Don:

The recent letter you printed from C.B. Peck about the bluefish left on the beach at Bridgehampton is so typical of some of the information that reaches us. The typical part is that the information reaches us long after anyone is able to do anything about it. You pointed this out in your reply, in which you asked if anyone had made a complaint to this Department.

Mr. Peck should have noted the license plate number of the truck and immediately contacted this office or (if it was after normal office hours) the nearest Conservation Officer. His telephone number and address are listed in the directory under "New York State." Then, if Mr. Peck had been willing to give a sworn deposition to the officer, we would have been able to bring charges against the offending fisherman.

There are laws on the books, but no law is worth even the paper it's printed on if they are not enforced, and here we need citizens' cooperation. All of us are concerned about preserving our marine resources, but we must have the cooperation and involvement of the citizens. Our Law Enforcement Officers are ready to enforce the laws, but they must have the information when the violation occurs, not ten days or two weeks later. Albert C. Jensen, Regional Supervisor of Marine & Coastal Resources.

Dear Editor:

Just wrote to say I enjoy Eva Halbeck's "From Hook to Platter." It was about time that we had a fish food column. Tried the fish chowder and it was great. Please keep the column up. Good luck. Marge Hanulec, E. Northport, New York.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I read your paper every week. I love fishing, have my own boat and fish every chance I get.

I return all unwanted fish back to the sea. Even so called garbage fish which I see destroyed for no reason.

It disturbs me very much to read articles like the one in Chum Lines (11/25/71) about the bluefish dumped on the beach. Is there anything that can be done about this?

Another thing. All you hear about is water pollution and that large industries are doing it. I would like you to tell me who the major polluter is and what an individual can do about saving his water. I also would like to know what is really being done to curb pollution by our politicians. Or is it all talk by them? John Kudrick, Wantagh, N.Y.

■ *The major polluter is MAN; you, me, everyone. Curb yours and you've helped. Politicians don't stop pollution, we do. Talk is cheap. Listening is cheaper. Action takes energy, but it works.*

Dear Sir:

As a subscriber to your fishing weekly for quite a long time, I have read all of your great articles on fishing techniques, etc. with growing interest. I have read other fishing books and magazines also but never once have I seen anything in any of these periodicals on the subject of seasickness which I feel is closely related to the sport of fishing as well as boating. There must be some doctor, who is an ardent fisherman, who would be willing to shed some light on this subject. I have taken my wife and son, age fourteen, aboard ship and had them both so ill that my fishing trip was ruined more than once. I am quite sure that there are many readers who would be very grateful for any and all information that would minimize or eliminate this problem to those who love the sea and fish its waters. I thank you for all the fine fishing information and hours of enjoyable reading. William A. Steele, Sr., New York, N.Y.

■ *Ok Mr. Steele. IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?*

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PLUGGIN' AROUND

BY AL REINFELDER

PLUGGIN' FOR WEAKFISH

As readers of this checkered page have come to realize we often extended our use of the term "plugging" to include all kinds of lure fishing. As long as the artificial is cast from spin or revolving reel we count it in. Thus, with more irreverence for common usage than most fish editors would abide, we speak of "plugging" for weakfish, while we outline the use of spoons, bucktails, and plastic jigs. Yet, and not out of condescension - but out of honesty, we will also speak of plugs.

THE PLASTIC JIG: By this time in history it is fairly clear that the king of lures for spotted seatrout (southern weakfish) is the plastic jig. This lure consists of a lead head and a body and tail of soft plastic (such as is used on plastic worms or eels). The most popular lure of this type in the north is the Garcia Bait Tail*, but before this lure even reached the southern market, local "trouters" had fashioned similar jigs from old bucktail jig heads and left over plastic worms. Alert manufacturers of the area such as Bagley and Boone, and then later, northern plastic merchants such as Burke, made factory models of plastic jigs which were exact duplicates of the home-made worm-jigs. Once the lure got rolling (and it soon rolled into the big league with individual wholesalers doing $10,000 a month business with plastic jigs) the Florida manufacturers decided to jazz up the original jigs and make them look more like the native shrimp which they thought the jigs ought to resemble - and which also happen to be the most popular natural bait from North Carolina to Mexico. The fish didn't seem to care about the change one way or the other. They took the biat-fish-like Bait Tail and the worm-like-original southern plastic jigs as readily as the shrimp-like-Touts and Go-Gos.

The point is that northern seatrout (weakfish) are similar to the spotted seatrout in habit as well as appearance, and they clobber soft jigs as handily as any cracker trout south of the Carolinas.

As weaks are generally found somewhere between the bottom and the lowest four feet of brine the first thing to do is to let your plastic jig settle right down on the ground. In still water, rod activation is sometimes necessary to draw strikes, but a simple straight retrieve is often all that is needed. I like to hop or bounce the Bait Tail across the sand, kicking up a little puff of bottom debris at every touch down. Short, quick, kick-like jigs are deadly because - I imagine - this represents the erratic motion of a shrimp. Ordinary jigging, such as you might be familar with in your use of bucktails, also works quite well most of the time.

Your style of retrieve is not nearly as important as the size, color and placement of the jig. Vary the weights from ¼ to ½ oz. Try jigs up to 1 oz. if tide runners (the biggest kind of weakfish) are expected, and don't hesitate to work 2 oz. Bait Tails if six and eight pounders are common in the area. Favorite colors are pearl, white, yellow, amber, hot-pink, red, and grey. The best placement for a jig is near a fish. If you are not sure where the fish are, fish deep.

THE BUCKTAIL: As one might expect, this highly touted "if-I-only-had-one-lure" type of lure, is terrific. One night this fall Ray Prescott and I were stranded in the fog near the Meadowbrook Bridge. Rather than struggle throught the soup back to the Hempstead Marina from whence we came, we pulled the Mako up on the bank and cast 3/8 ounce Garcia Flash Bucks from shore during the flood tide. (This lure is an ordinary bucktail jig with a few mylar ribbons blended in with the deer tail hairs. The models we were using that night were all white with silver mylar.) Before exhaustion finally overcame us (we'd worked all day, fished all night, and now it was almost dawn again) we had hooked and released over 100 yellow-silver weakfish from 2½ to 4 pounds.

We had a moving tide which made lure manipulation quite easy. We simply cast, out, let the lure swing with the current as it sank, and connected about halfway down on almost every cast. (The same kind of easy-going approach is possible with plastic jigs when you have tide.) When the fish failed to hit during the swing, they usually grabbed the Flash Bucks as we were retrieving them. This retrieve involved some easy jigging, but as the night wore into dawn, we just reeled the lures straight in, and the results were the same.

At dawn, about a dozen weakfish came up to the top to attack baitfish. At this point a retrieve was met with a sharp strike if it was begun the moment the bucktail entered the water. This is logical, of course. As with all questions of "how deep?" the answer is always the same: "as deep as the fish!"

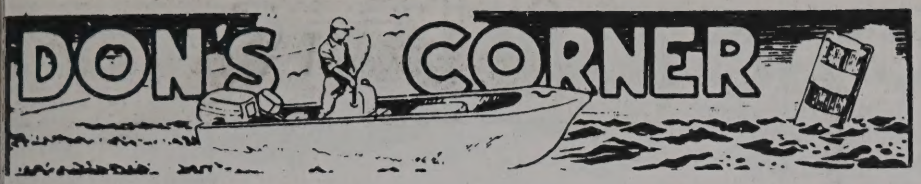
The methods of fishing bucktails and plastic jigs is virtually identical. Thus, what is said about one applies to the other.

THE SPOON: Extensively discussed in an earlier column, this type of lure is absolutely deadly on the weak. Once again, the trick is to get the spoon down to the level of the feeding fish. A heavy bodied bait such as the Acme Lonestar, the Acme Kastmaster (not really a spoon, but close enough to pass), the Johnson Sprite and the Garcia Sierra Spoon is needed here. Spoons of 3/8 to 3/4 oz are best. Once at the right level, the spoon is worked like all spoons should be worked - allowed to swim and wobble along with halts and forward rushes intermingled at times. Of course, the super trick is the increasingly popular "Texas Twitch" which is performed by a complete halt in the retrieve while the rod tip is whipped back and forth with blurring rapidity. This will drive weakfish as crazy as you will look while you do the required thing.

THE DIAMOND JIG: When the chips are down and the weakfish are really deep, no lure (with the possible exception of the Acme Kastmaster) can compete with this ancient tool of all serious fishers. Drip it all the way, jig it up half way, drop it back, set the hook - that's all there is to it. Use the lightest weight diamond jig which will enable you to hit bottom every time. Deep-feeding weakies don't seem to be too fussy about the size of their meals.

PLUGS: Every small underwater plug which will take a bass or blue will also take a weakfish. But the only plug worth recommending as a weakfish lure is the lipless, almost action-less, L & S Mirrolure. This is what southern trouters call a "jerk Bait", and it is worked by jerking (we call it jigging) the lure from place to place in much the same manner as a stranded minnow would move. Try it, it's truly "pluggin' for weakfish."

**Read BAIT TAIL FISHING by Al Reinfelder (A.S. Barnes Co., Cranbury, New Jersey).*



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I turned the reel over and over, tudying every detail.

"Hmm, now let's see. If I take this crew out and poke at that gizmo the larn thing ought to come apart." Zing . .

Crawling on all fours, flashlight ield firmly between my teeth, I searched . . and searched. If only I knew what I was looking for. But whatever, it had to be there by the oil burner. I heard it ricochet off the flue pipe.

Some years later, when I sold the old homestead, the new owner asked if I had kept a wild animal in the basement. Sheepishly, I fibbed a little when I told him the claw marks in the cement floor by the heating unit were there before I came.

I'm sure that same guilty look was on my face the day after the search was abandoned and the remaining reel parts, gathered in a paper bag, were taken to a reel repairman. He was told an out and out lie. "The kids were fooling around with my reel and may have lost some parts. I'd fix it myself but I'm very busy. Could you get it together again? I'll pick it up this afternoon. You know, I want to fish the tide tonight."

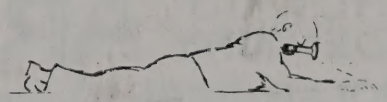
Not familiar? Well then, you just ain't lived. In fact, the experience with the tackle fixer alone should be a must requirement for all who claim to be fishermen. After all, you have to learn how to defend oneself against the scolding remarks of these professionals when with a store full of peers they scream, "You nit-wit, I couldn't possibly get this reel fixed by tonight. It may take weeks, months, years to unravel this bag of bolts, nuts, gears . . ."

Ok. So who doesn't try to make their job sound extremely difficult. This is the way it is and there isn't much that can be done; until frustration gives way to experience.

The next time I had the inclination to put a screw driver to one of my reels I fortified against a repeat of that earlier performance. Somewhere there was an instruction manual that came in the box when the reel was purchased. Being of stubborn mind it had been chucked aside along with other paper paraphernalia that always accompanies mechanical merchandise. As square as my head is it never allows me to throw these away. It does allow me to forget where I saved them but that's what wives are for. Ain't they?

Remarkable. Almost like discovering a hidden treasure. That little booklet, with such a simple plain cover, illustrated every part of my reel. It even told me how to service it, order parts and where to send it for repairs should I feel it wasn't worthy of my competent care. At worst, should I fail again, I would at least be able to tell the sarcastic reel repairman the name of the parts that were missing.

This time I left nothing to chance. The reel was dismantled inside of an old shoe box with the lid cocked over the top ready to be slammed down should I hear another zing. Success was in the making. Operating with the skill of a surgeon - "screw driver please, wrench, wipe rag" - all the parts eventually fell from the reel and lay neatly inside the box. Meticulously they were cleaned with a solvent, oiled and prepared for reassembly. All went well. Except for the one or two small parts still left in the box, I had accomplished the impossible; the reel, outwardly, resembled the one I had started with. Three days later, apart and together again some 100 times, I eventually got every piece positioned properly and defied anyone to find a flaw in my workmanship.

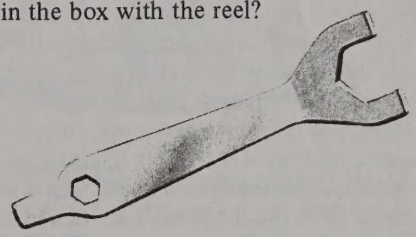


Surely you are curious as to why I took that danged thing apart in the first place. I never mentioned that it was broken or needed cleaning, which it didn't. I just had to find out what made it tick.

The rule books tell you: when your reel needs servicing take it to a competent reel repair service shop or return it to the factory unless you yourself have the experience to do the job. Now I ask you, how does one get this experience?

Winter is here, like it or not. You have a few months to tinker 'till your heart's content. Defy the rules.

Learn your reel inside out and backwards. I deem it part of the sport. Am I wrong? Why then do the manufacturers tuck a manual and servicing tool in the box with the reel?



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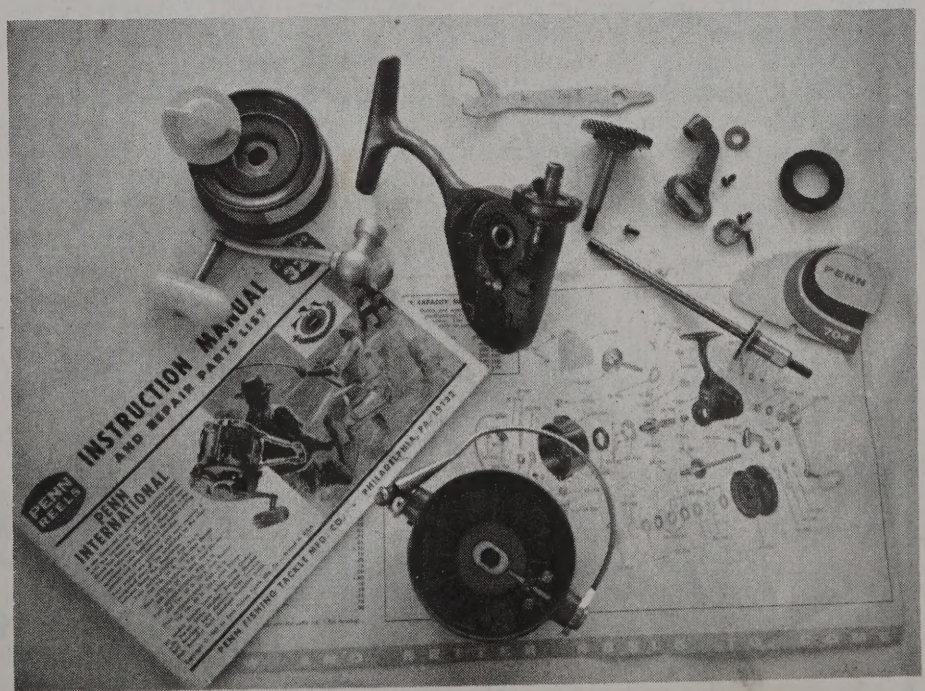

They put the manuals and tools in the box for a reason. It's easy. Zing. . . .

HOW TO IDENTIFY ARCTIC ANIMALS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

POLAR BEARS HAVE WHITE FUR, SLENDER POINTED HEADS AND FUR ON THE SOLES OF THEIR FEET. THEY OFTEN SWIM 100 MILES OUT TO SEA IN SEARCH OF FOOD, USING ONLY THEIR FORELEGS FOR PROPULSION.

THE RARE **RIBBON SEAL** IS IDENTIFIED BY BROAD BANDS AROUND ITS NECK SHOULDERS AND BODY.

THE ARCTIC TERN IS THE LONG DISTANCE CHAMPION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS. IT SUMMERS IN THE ARCTIC AND WINTERS IN THE ANTARCTIC - A 22,000 MILE ROUND TRIP.

THE ARCTIC FOX IS NOTED FOR ITS COAT OF FLUFFY WHITE FUR.

THE DANGEROUS **ARCTIC WOLF** HAS AN ALL-WHITE COAT, A COLOR PHASE OF THE NORTHERN TIMBER WOLF.

ARCTIC HARES ARE VERY LARGE WITH WHITE FUR AND BLACK EAR TIPS.

THE ERMINE OR LARGE WEASEL IS LONG AND SNAKE LIKE WITH WHITE FUR AND BLACK TIPPED TAIL.

FISHING

by VLAD EVANOFF

NO ROOM FOR FISHERMEN

Many old-time fishermen tend to talk about the "good old days" when speaking about fishing many years ago. Usually they rave about how good the fishing was and how many fish they were able to catch. But I've never really been convinced that fishing in those good old days was any better than it is today. In fact, with modern autos, beach buggies, boats, rods, reels, lines, lures and know-how, the present day angler is much better than most old-timers ever were and they catch more fish day in and day out than were ever caught in days past.

But if the old-time angler speaks of the "good old days" in terms of fewer fishermen around and more fishing areas and spots to be fished, then I tend to agree with him. The good old days WERE better in this respect. Surf anglers often had the beaches and jetties to themselves with other anglers scarce. And there were no skin-divers, water-skiers or surfers around in those days. And there were miles of beaches which were wild and undeveloped and you could fish in many places without being chased. Boat anglers also went out even on weekends and found few other boats on the water. You could also fish from many bridges and docks and piers or from shore in peace and quiet.

But today the situation is far different. Most bridges have been closed to fishing, especially in the New York and Long Island area. Beaches are crowded with bathers or have been taken over by private developers or home-owners and surf anglers are chased or discouraged. No parking signs along the seacoast are so numerous that even if you could fish a certain beach you would have to park a mile or two away and walk to the spot. More and more beaches are being closed to beach buggies, campers and similar vehicles. Boat anglers find the traffic so heavy from pleasure cruisers and other fishing boats that fishing on weekends in some of the more popular spots is a nightmare.

Even offshore you may find commercial fishermen from our country or foreign countries getting in the act and either seining, dragging, trawling or setting out long lines and interfering with the sport fishermen. Even worse, they may clean out an area and the fishing will be poor for days, weeks or even years to come. That results in one less fishing spot for a growing number of fishermen.

Pollution also closes many areas to fishing by either killing the fish or keeping them out or providing fewer areas for spawning and rearing of fish.

But the prime reason why there is less fishing space and room for fishermen is our growing and modern progress and development. We simply need more land for factories, roads, apartments, homes and streets. So little by little the beaches are developed, bays and estuaries are filled or drained, trees and weeds and other vegetation are cut down or removed. And the "No Trespassing," "No Admittance," "Keep Out," and "No Parking" signs go up.

Most of this development and progress is inevitable as long as our population increases and more space for living and working is needed. Not much can be done about this except to try to get the developers and town, city or state officials to provide more parking spaces, fishing piers, beaches, boat launching ramps and other accommodations for fishermen in their expansion plans.

This is where conservation groups, fishing clubs, tackle shops and even individual anglers can put some pressure on the politicians and developers by using their votes and public opinion to make them act. Nowadays, it looks like those who yell the loudest get the most attention and anglers and sportsmen can start doing some of the yelling for their own cause.

Anglers can also improve matters by policing their own ranks or at least acting better while fishing from boats or beaches or piers. They can refrain from littering and leaving the place a mess with beer cans, soda bottles or cans, paper bags, boxes, bait or dead fish. There is nothing which will cause a property owner to close his beach or shore to fishing quicker than littering.

Fishing clubs and sportsmen's organizations should pass the word around to their members that littering on the water or on shore is the quickest way to be banned from a fishing spot. If you have a group outing on a beach or shore, make sure that all the junk and trash is picked up before you go home. Better yet, bring along trash cans or boxes or garbage cans if there are no such receptacles at that particular spot.

But despite everything that is being done or will be done to find a solution, I feel that the day is coming when fishing spots or areas will be regulated and you'll need special permits to fish on certain days or in certain areas. On weekends or holidays, for example, only a certain number of fishermen or boats will be allowed into a given area. The rest will have to go somewhere else or get a permit to come back another day.

You'll see more and more zoning and restrictions in the future. Such as certain areas set aside for sport fishing, others for commercial fishing and some fishing spots closed entirely because they have been overfished. This will give the area and fish a rest and a chance to repopulate an area with new fish.

Personally as a lover of freedom and the belief that fishing is so popular because it has few rules or regulations, I dislike any restrictions on the sport. I prefer to fish when and where I want to and I don't like to compete with hundreds or thousands of other anglers. But with more and more crowds and followers of the different water sports all trying to use the same waters, I cannot see how such restrictions and regulations can be avoided.

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Strictly Casting

by Vince Guaglianone

THIS GOOD INDIAN-LIKE HABIT

Two 50-pound stripers: they had to wait until I wrote how surf fishing has slowed along the western south shore; until I wrote that Montauk has almost the only surf on Long Island for 50 pounders. Then they show on the western south shore.

Hopefully, you've read about those 2 lunkers caught last month by surfmen; a 50 at Cedar Beach, and a 57 at Smith Point Park, Moriches . . . Good thing I didn't get to mention how live bait is your best bet for big ones, because the 57 took an Atom swimmer . . . But when I described Montauk as being almost the only coast for a 50, I was thinking of Wading River, Reeves Beach, and Horton's Point among other possible beaches all on the north shore. Not Cedar or Moriches on the south . . . Meanwhile, these past 2 weeks (as of 11/21), north beaches have yielded only schoolies and 'shorts' to casters as far as I know. And much the same at Montauk; except for some 20 pounders on 11/15, below the Light.

Not since 1967 has Cedar Beach been so alive as this autumn. But I judge it to be, structurally, the best beach west of Shinnecock for early spring and for autumn casting. Moriches, like Shinnecock, and like Reeves Beach on the north, has a June and an August potential as well as the major run. But late this August, clam-chummers cleaned out the Moriches breachway of its big bass which surfmen had earlier found. From then through September we could only get small blues and weaks in the Moriches surf . . . Great. great that a real sportsman took the 57 pounder at Moriches on a plug. Bravo!

It wasn't mere luck. Ok, he was there at a time that the big one was there. But it was his being observant that really counted. I've met many surfcasters who wouldn't have felt bothered by how those three gulls behaved on the waves (as reported in F. Keating's column; L.I. Press; 11/17).

Being ultra observant is vital in learning a beach; in assessing the prospects of a casting time; and to locate fish. That is to say: it pertains to the contour, composition and location of beaches; the impact of seasons, weather, and moon and tides; and to wildlife behavior.

Taking a cue from those three gulls over that 57 pounder, we can review the following observations just of wildlife.

Big scavenger gulls, often helpful, are also often misleading. They raise a fuss over garbage; or fight over a starfish. The smaller trim and white terns go only for live bait; and they can't swallow such as a starfish. So be sure that when the noisy terns are in a flock, wheeling and snatching down over a swell or just hovering over it, there's at least baitfish on the surface. Yet, relax; and merely test with a few casts. There need not be gamefish under that bait. For example: every day in May this year there were ternhordes over bait in Stony Brook Channel; but not every day were there bass under the spearing and sand eels in the deep outrush of Stony Brook Channel, where I did catch 27 stripers amid springtime (hint). (And on lures!)

When blues are in, birds tend not to sit on the water. But terns can 'point' at the presence of gamesters come close to shore. No boil. No lashed water. No sign of bait at Bayville that noon. But suddenly 5 terns appear 20 feet out; hovering 6 feet above the calm ebb and quietly peering downward. When I sent my plug to that spot, it was socked up into the air. Falling back down it disappeared momentarily into a great spray, and I was on to a leaping 7-pound blue in 2 feet of water . . . More followed, for about 20 minutes. All the while 5 terns, beating wings, remained poised above that patch of water; looking down and barely clucking and beeping. There was no bait! Why were the blues there? (None were caught at any other point along Stehli's Beach that time.) Why did the terns 'point' them out? Suddenly the birds broke away for shore. Being human, I tried casting a while longer. But the blues were gone . . .

Being ultra observant extends much further than obvious bird sightings. There is a rumor that Long Island's legendary Serge de Somov carries a thermometer which he dips into the surf before casting. I shouldn't be surprised if he does. Was it luck that this masterful surfman won three Martha's Vineyard Derbies in a row, 1963-65? And again in 1969. Luck?

It's hard to be convinced of what surfmen can see from the wash. In an instant, as your eyes roam the wide water: a sudden small burst of bait; or a dorsal fin; or a tail slapping from a swell. "No. It couldn't be. I'm going nuts from hunger." Good luck arrived the day I said, maybe. I tried a cast in that direction. A burst erupted under the plug, and a 16 pound bass was on. Ever since: if I <u>think</u> I saw something, I assume that in fact I did. After a while, you become adept at discerning such as a solitary boil amid an expanse of white caps. Polaroid glasses are essential. (Please, I'm not saying that you'll see these things every time you're fishing. And only once did I <u>see</u> the 30-pounders <u>before</u> contact.)

At night, the ears. Though I'd not underestimate what you can hear from the slight waves at Cedar Beach, attentive listening is especially for such flat waters as Fire Island Inlet. Walk along that reedy shore and listen. When bass go by on the ebb (or head upstream along the submerged embankment not far out) feeding, they often slap the surface audibly with that broad tail. Another sound, distinctive from the slap and from the shore's lapping, is a loud 'smack' or 'bust' that stripers make.

At night the big black-winged skimmers feed. These graceful birds skim along the very surface, dipping and scooping with their curved beaks. Alone, or in twos and threes they wing very swiftly by. Unless it's a big moon night, you'll hear their sharp cries before you discern them in mostly straight flight. They work bait-filled stretches of rippling water, back and forth.

How's your sniffer? The next time you catch a bass, before you cut it up or release it, take a good sniff around the back of the head. Have you ever smelled those cooking spices: oregano, or thyme? That's the odor of a striper outside. Very different from the guts; a whiff of which it takes no effort to receive. But you can catch the thyme-like scent of bass at night by inlet waters; especially on a summer night in a mild breeze, like a breath, off the water. The bass are on top. They may not be feeding yet; not slapping and busting. But it's worth a cast in the scent's direction. Sure, mostly schoolies; yet amongst school bass are sometimes bigger fish. Change the lure that can't get past the schoolies. (In time away from the TV set, you will distinguish the saltiness of a shore and the pungent odors of a marsh, from the scent of bass; and from the ripe-watermelon odor of blues; though some say blues are like a lot of cut up cucumbers!)

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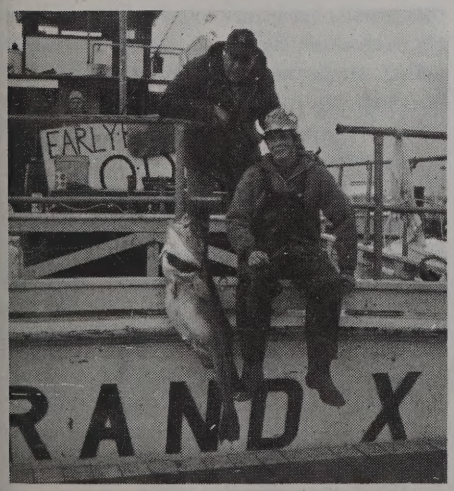

Donald Thompson caught this 40 lb. cod aboard Capt. Porter's "Brand X" when they fished the Cholera Bans.

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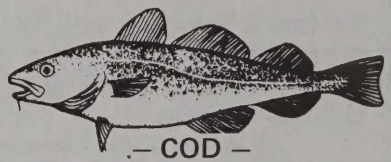

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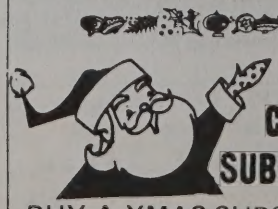

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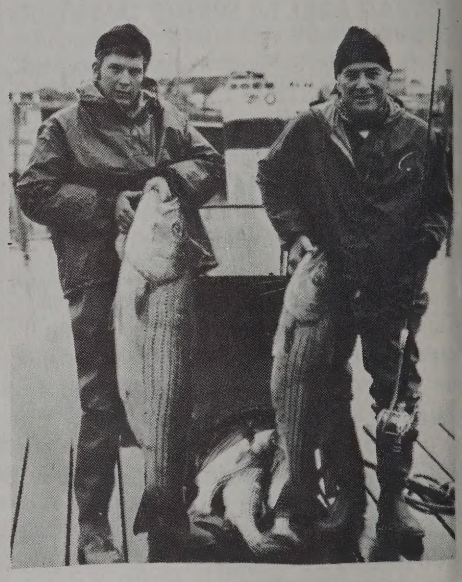
FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Texans, Matt Bell and Sam Price shortly before releasing their first stripers ever caught. Both schoolies were plugged on the southside of Montauk back in late November.

Not wishing them to leave without bigger and juicier steaks, later in the day Al Reinfelder put them over the pair shown below. They weighed 38½ lbs. for Matt and 28 pounds for Sam. Would they soon forget their Montauk visit? "Not likely," said guide-photographer, Al Reinfelder.



SPECIAL DUCK HUNTING REPORT

Tom Johnson said, "althought the moon and tide wasn't right last week, the shooting was still fantastic. The black ducks are plentiful this year. We rarely fail to get a hunter his limit. Philip Dietz, along with his brother and a friend, totaled 6 black ducks, 2 mallards, 1 widgeon and 3 buffle heads. They were finished hunting and on their way home by noon. We've even been graced with several geese this year."

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Commissioner Henry L. Diamond, State Department of Environmental Conservation, announced that the Suffolk Processing Company, Lindenhurst, has been assessed a $2,500 penalty for discharging milk by-products into the Naguntatogue Creek.

Commissioner Diamond said "the penalty is a result of Suffolk Processing's failure to adhere to an order, signed August 27, resulting from citizen complaints that the creek was filled with a white sludge. Thereafter, the company improved it's waste treatment. But, on September 20, a quantity of waste was again dumped into the stream."

The processing plant has waived its rights to a hearing and agreed to a penalty of $2,500. Of this amount, $1,500 may be returned, following written proof of pollution abatement.

The milk products plant currently has halted all discharge into the water and is using a group re-charge method of disposal. By this method, the effluent is discharged into the ground, allowing the water to leach into the soil. The solid residue left behind is then collected and disposed of as solid waste in an approved manner.

Commissioner Diamond said that Environmental Conservation Department inspectors will periodically check on the progress being made at the Babylon township site, and that the company is required by law to notify the department of any recurring problem.

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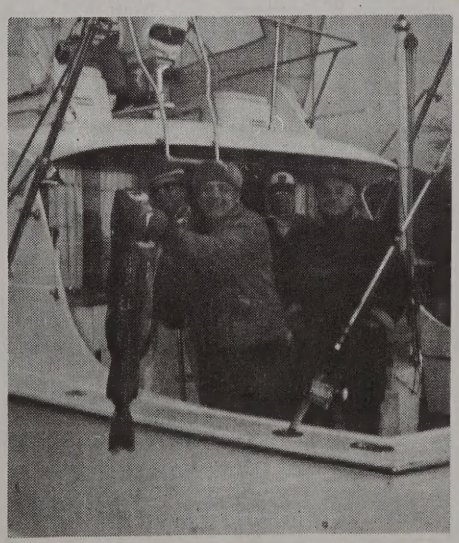
Captain Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star," reports this past week's codfishing was erratic at best, bouncing from stinko fishing to good fishing from one day to the next. Capt. Forsberg fished offshore wrecks over the weekend. Saturday's fishing was excellent while Sunday's catch turned out poor. Joe Fleming came up with a 47 lb. pool winning codfish and Orie Tambo caught a very large 41 lb. pollack.* Block Island fishing is more consistent with smaller fish. Last week was not a good week to fish Montauk. The ripping tides were magnified by the full moon which made it very tough to maintain fish in the chum. That, combined with the fact that the entire fall run is late this year, points to good fishing in the very near future. That's not a prediction but a mere hypothesis.

Capt. John Rade of the Marlin Fishing Fleet said Block Island fishing has been very good of late. The cod are generally 6 to 10 pounds with a 20 lb. fish taking the pool. High hook is usually 10 or 12 fish. The waters off the southeast light of the Island are most productive. Blackfishing is fair and mackerel are still present.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 41 lb. pollack caught aboard the "Viking Star" missed the World Record Pollack by a mere 2 lbs. The record 43 lb. pollack was caught by Philip Barlow on October 21, 1964. Mr. Barlow sailed out of Brielle, New Jersey. His record pollack measured 4 ft. with a 29" girth.



A group of anglers aboard the "Three Daughters" show one of the big cod they caught along with many others. Photo courtesy of Big Good George.

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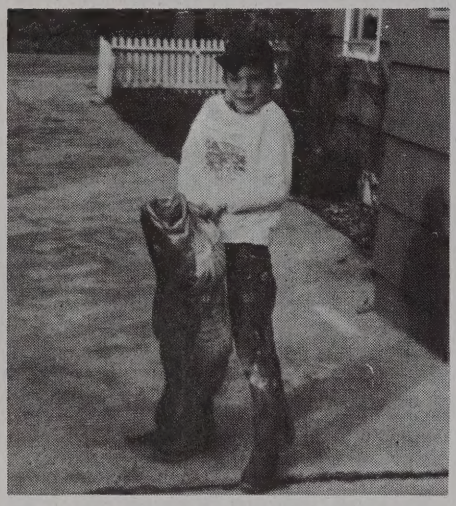
SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, who is still sailing weekends for Shinnecock flounders, said the catches continue to be good with the average flounder running ¾'s to 1¼ lbs. On Sunday, a 2 pound flattie took the pool. Capt. Clark said he's fishing the Basket, Green Hills or over by the new cut. The fishermen are averaging 15 fish per man on most trips.



Thomas Michno displays the 30 lb. cod caught aboard the "Germur" on the open bottom south of Fire Island Lighthouse.

CAPTREE

About seven boats sailed out of the Captree Boat Basin this past weekend with most making pretty good catches. The "Capt. Ben Litwin" came into the pier with over 100 codfish and a load of mackerel. Mrs. Litwin said the fishing was steady all day with mackerel filling in the lulls. High hook for the day had 13 cod in his sack.

The "Speedy III" had 70 codfish aboard plus mackerel. The largest cod weighed in at 34 pounds, according to John Bradley, mate aboard the Capt. Speedy. They fished in 90 ft. of water due south of the Fire Island Inlet. That area is considered "open bottom," which is usually clam or mussel beds. Last week, Al Star of Levittown caught a 44½ lb. codfish in this area.

Capt. George Tweedy, skipper of the "Capt. Scotty," tried one of the wrecks located southeast of the inlet. He found the wreck infested with dogfish and had to throw the towel in after a short try. He then headed west to the same general area where the rest of the fleet was fishing. He finished up his day with 35 codfish plus mackerel. The largest cod aboard the Capt. Scotty was a 23 pounder. Capt. Tweedy said the mackerel moved into the area about mid-week of last week and they have been in thick ever since. Anyone fishing for the macks can easily come up with 50 or 60 of them in a short time. He also said that the codfishing has been fairly consistent over the open bottom and conversely inconsistent on the wrecks. Capt. Tweedy tries to return to the spot he fished the previous day in the hopes that the chum of the day before is holding fish on the spot. Of course, a Loran is necessary to get you close. The rest is luck. If he happens to hit the nail on the head, the fishing starts out with a bang.

SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station reported that Mike Gromwoldt and his two sons caught a big mess of ½ to 2 pound flounders to the west of the 2nd Causeway Bridge. Phil Verdi and Ken Devens, along with Ken's sister did likewise with the flatfish at the same spot. Dell's will close up after the 17th of December and will reopen in February. Till then he sends best wishes and happy holidays to all.

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reports that on Thursday some 70 codfish were caught by 17 passengers. "Friday we won't talk about." It seems that on Friday the cod took a break. Capt. Kessinger only picked a few fish on each drop he made. Saturday and Sunday, however, were both good days with 65 to 70 cod each day. Capt. Kessinger is fishing 1 hr. and 20 min. at 125 degrees out of Jones Inlet, which puts him in about 95 ft. of water. On Sunday, out of the 70 cod that were caught, at least 12 were in the 20 to 35 lb. class. The day started out hot (fish action). Then the mid-day hours were slow. On the last stop of the day almost all the big cod were caught. Mackerel are in thick and are caught every day by those interested in catching them. If someone wanted to seriously fish for strictly mackerel, there's no doubt he would fill up a garbage can with them. It seems they are just not interested in the mackerel, that is except when the codfishing is slow. The mackerel are fairly deep and are sometimes caught right down on the bottom mixed with the cod. This reporter wonders if there are any giant cod down there that just might be interested in a nice mackerel wounded by a hook stuck under his dorsal fin.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Henry Thorschmidt, skipper of the "Blue Albatross," reports the open bottom fishing for cod has been fairly consistent. The Blue Albatross has been coming in with an average of 50 fish per day. The pool winning fish generally ranges in size from 20 to 35 lbs. On Sunday, a 35 pounder took the pool. Mackerel have moved in and they are getting more plentiful with each passing day. The only time the fishermen seem remotely interested in the mackerel is when the codfishing slows down. They're out there for cod! Some mackerel are being caught on the cod hooks baited with clams down on the bottom in 90 ft. of water. Those who put on the jigs and tubes come up with 3 and 4 mackerel at a time.

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By Greg Beacher

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reports cod and mackerel fishing is presently developing into good action locally. Anglers fishing from 1 to 3 miles east, south or west of the East Rockaway Jetty are hitting cod up to 20 lbs. and are connecting with mackerel at times. Last Saturday, Bill Wojtusiak of Elmhurst, while fishing aboard his 17 footer, fished south of the Jetty along open bottom and caught four cod up to 25 lbs. Arthur Valenti of Lawrence and Bob Payne of Cedarhurst, aboard their boat "Motion," fished 3 miles southeast of Buoy 4 last Saturday and collected 20 cod up to 20 lbs. Joe Kozeluh of Jackson Heights, aboard his boat "Blue Fin," tried fishing the south end of the Mc Allister Grounds and caught 12 cod from 6 to 12 lbs. On Sunday, action shifted to a mixture of both cod and mackerel with the action taking place from the Jetty and towards Buoy 4. Larry Karvitz of Massapequa and Dr. Gerald Tussel of East Rockaway, aboard the "Slick Chum," caught some 7 cod up to 16 lbs. and three dozen mackerel. Stanley Meyer and his sons were tops on mackerel last week. They fished just a half mile from Buoy 4 and caught one cod and a load of mackerel.

When I called Hennings, Jess York of the "Compass Rose" was on hand. As a representative of the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club of Atlantic Beach, also Henning's Fishing Station wish to extend to all joy filled and happy holidays.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

It's three weeks late, but mackerel finally made their presence known last week. Mackerel catches weren't great but were well accepted by anglers. Mackerel catches were reported east of Fire Island, the Cholera Banks, 17 Fathoms, the Klondike, Buoy 4, Scallop Ridge and Ambrose Channel. Throughout these areas mackerel were caught, however, catches varied from a few mackerel to a good pick. At the present time they are spread out and boats haven't located explosive mackerel fishing. If the weather holds and the mackerel get a chance to school up, party boats will get a good shot at them.

For the most part anglers had their choice of cod, mackerel, whiting and ling last weekend. From last Thursday to Saturday, both cod and mackerel fishing was real good and party boats returned with excellent catches. On Sunday, boats returned with only moderate catches. The best cod action achieved last week was along areas east of the Cholera Banks. Some party obats ventured as far as 18 miles east of the Banks for action. There cod up to 25 and 30 lbs. were caught with most cod averaging from 6 to 12 lbs. Along with cod action, anglers jigging caught fair catches of mackerel. Boats fishing closer to home found fishing on the incline. At Scallop Ridge and Lightship Ridge, whiting, ling, a few mackerel, and cod were caught. At Ambrose Tower, the best mackerel catches were achieved last Sunday. As it looks now, cod action locally should develop into productive fishing by this weekend. Along inland bay areas there are still some flounders and blackfish to be caught. And there are some whiting being caught at Steeplechase Pier. Aboard the "Ranger IV" last weekend, Harry the brick layer was Saturday's pool winner and Bert Klauber of Brooklyn was Sunday's pool winner. As I walked along the piers of Sheepshead Bay last Friday afternoon, it looked a lot like Montauk with cod up to 30 lbs. hanging on meathooks around the boat's wheel houses. These catches were made east of the Cholera Banks. I asked the captains to give a brief forecast for the cod fishing to come. The average answer was, "it just started."

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reported fishing throughout the Staten Island area has slowed down to a near stand still and is expected to remain the same until spring. Locally the only action is a few flounders and a few bass for those who try hard. From Santo's Sport Shop to all, "Happy Holidays."

SANDY HOOK

Capt. Bunt of the "Sea Horse" reported that last Sunday they fished the Scotland Buoy area for some good whiting and ling fishing during the morning. Anglers averaged from 20 to 40 whiting per man with large ling mixed in. During the afternoon the Sea Horse joined forces with the "Miss Take II," the "Sea Fox," and the "Ranger" at Ambrose Tower. They connected for some good mackerel fishing and anglers averaged from 20 to 50 macks per man. There were only a few cod caught, however, by next weekend this fishing should develop closer to home. Locally, fishing around the Sandy Hook area seems to be over for the season. Stripers have left beach areas and flounder fishing at the Shrewsbury River has ended. The only action close to any beach area is the night whiting fishing at the Long Branch Pier. "Our winter season will last into January. It would last longer but our area gets frozen in and we are unable to sail."

SHARK RIVER

The only local action is the flounder fishing along Shark River. Party boats are connecting for excellent mackerel fishing on the west side of the Mud Hole and the Klondike. Where they lacked in whiting, ling and cod fishing, Shark River anglers loaded up on mackerel. As a matter of fact, this area had the best mackerel fishing for the area last week.

MANASQUAN

Harry Conrade of Gates Bait & Tackle reports fishing throughout the Manasquan area is holding strong and is expected to remain so for the next couple of weeks. Locally, flounders are still active along the Manasquan River. Along the surf, striper fishing remains fair with a moderate pick. Party boats from Manasquan and Brielle are starting to produce some good cod and mackerel catches. Cod fishing has started to take hold. The best part about last week was the excellent mackerel action. Gates Bait & Tackle will be closing this weekend and will re-open again on Feb. 14th. From Gates Bait & Tackle, "Season's Greetings to All."

SEASIDE PARK

Eddy Blase of Eddy's Bait & Tackle reports there are still a few bass to be caught along surf areas, however, action there is scattered. At Barnegat Inlet, a few bass are being trolled on bunker spoons. Flounders are plentiful along river and bay areas, and that's it locally. Mackerel are located 12 miles northeast of Seaside and cod are starting to show along the open bottom areas.

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A Time For Reflection

BY TONY DI FEDE

As winter closes in, I don't fish less, but I do think more about fishing. Why I fish. Why I try to get my friends hooked. Why I gave my son a fishing rod instead of toy guns and a cowboy suit. Why I seemingly sacrifice needed sleep to stand knee-deep in cold ocean surf or an icy stream. And why my wife puts up with it all.

I suppose before you really learn to love fishing, you learn how to see everything as it is. See the birds, the sea, the trees, fields, lakes, streams, insects, wildlife, and unfortunately, nowadays- the air. This is the way it was with me; and I think other fishermen, naturalists, and sportsmen would bear me out. Of course, the setting must be right. For example, I grew up on a small island with water, river and ocean all around; with rock jetties and high points from where I could see the sea - on a real clear day that is. And three or four times a year I could actually smell the salt air. Ah, yes! Manhattan! Then to the wilds of Long Island. Dirt roads - nearest house one quarter of a mile. But I still wasn't hooked on fishing. Once the "wilds of Long Island" started disappearing, I started to miss it and my fishing became my road to enjoying nature and seeing things as they really are.

There are times when I go fishing not to fish but to think and help dissolve the pressures or problems of living and working in out high-speed society. It's not an escape, it's needed time for reflection on the past and planning for the future or just the next day's activities. Fishing is all that you make it be. It's a sport. It's good theraphy for whatever bothers you. It's a private retreat. It's getting to know and enjoy your family. It's mastering a skill. It's learning to appreciate, once again, everything that isn't man-made.

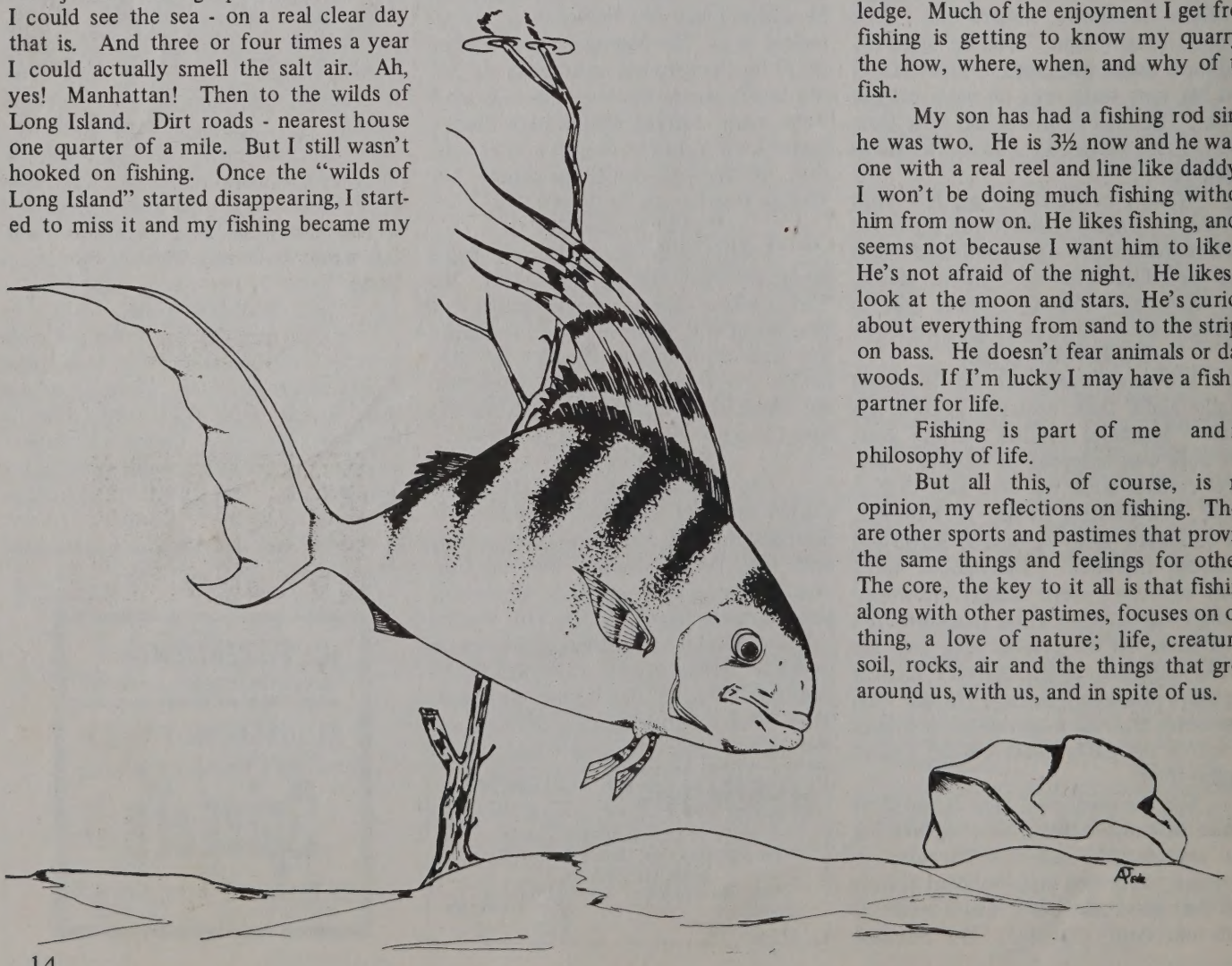
Fishing isn't the only pastime or avocation that can fill the needs I've mentioned, but it does even more than that. Fishing tests your patience; it gauges your endurance and physical strength; it provides excitement and anticipation, suspense, and surprise. Fishing can anger and calm you almost at the same time. It relaxes you, tires you, and weathers you. It teaches you the art of knot tying - and untying. Angling demands control and manual as well as mental dexterity. Most importantly, it keeps you close to nature, the sea, and wildlife. You can't say that about stamp collecting, hot rods or even highly revered pastimes such as football.

There are no hard and fast regulations in fishing. You can catch trout with a switch and string or a la Fenwick - both require patience, skill, and knowledge. Much of the enjoyment I get from fishing is getting to know my quarry - the how, where, when, and why of the fish.

My son has had a fishing rod since he was two. He is 3½ now and he wants one with a real reel and line like daddy's. I won't be doing much fishing without him from now on. He likes fishing, and it seems not because I want him to like it. He's not afraid of the night. He likes to look at the moon and stars. He's curious about everything from sand to the stripes on bass. He doesn't fear animals or dark woods. If I'm lucky I may have a fishing partner for life.

Fishing is part of me and my philosophy of life.

But all this, of course, is my opinion, my reflections on fishing. There are other sports and pastimes that provide the same things and feelings for others. The core, the key to it all is that fishing, along with other pastimes, focuses on one thing, a love of nature; life, creatures, soil, rocks, air and the things that grow around us, with us, and in spite of us.



This week, with all those fishing anglers catching cod, I thought it would be timely for a couple of simple but very delicious recipes.

BOILED COD

Scrape scales off fish. Use the back of a heavy knife and hold it nearly flat against the fish. Remove head and tail and cut fins. Make slit down body cavity from gills to vent, remove entrails and wash away blood. Scrape or as I suggested one time use a tooth brush to clean and remove black membrane. Reserve head and tail to make stock for future use. Cut a 4 to 5 lb. cod into 1 inch thick slices. If cod is larger that is fine because you will have more leftover for my other recipe. In a large kettle put about 4 quarts cold water together with 3 bay leaves, 2 tablespoons white vinegar, 2 to 3 teaspoons salt and 6 to 8 peppercorns. Bring this to a fast boil, reduce heat and let simmer for approximately 5 minutes. Carefully place cod slices in kettle. Simmer fish for 6 to 10 minutes or until it flakes easily when tested with a fork. Remove gently with slotted spatula onto platter and drain. Serve with melted butter and a side dish of boiled potatoes garnished with minced parsley.

Now you will probably have some left over cod; skin and bone it carefully and refrigerate. Hope you have enough left over potatoes too, because then you're all set.

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FISH HASH

Butter makes the difference in this dish but margarine will do. Please do not use oil. In a large skillet place 1 stick of butter or margarine. Add 1 small onion minced. Fry till slightly soft. Add equal amounts of leftover cod and coarsely cooked sliced potatoes. Increase heat and fry until brown on one side and turn over to brown on other side. Season well with salt and pepper while frying. If it starts to stick to pan, just add a little more butter or margarine. Some people like ketchup on this. Great for lunch!

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FRIED COD ROE

Carefully rinse roe to avoid breaking outer skin. Put roe in muslin, cheese cloth or other porous material. Tie four corners together. Place in a pot and add water to cover together with one tablespoon of salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to a simmer for about 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool at room temperature and refrigerate for several hours. It also can be refrigerated several days if you're not planning on having it that same day. Slice roe about ½ inch thick and fry in butter till brown on both sides. Serve with buttered boiled potatoes and carrots cooked with a pinch of dill.

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NORWEGIAN CODFISH PUDDING
(Blender Method)

Preheat oven to 350° F.

1 tbsp. flour	1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. nutmeg	Dash pepper and ginger
1 egg	3 tbsps. butter or margarine
1/4 cup heavy cream	2 cups fresh cod in pieces

Place all ingredients in blender except fish. Cover and mix till smooth. Gradually add uncooked cod. Pour mixture into well buttered or oiled loaf pan or ring. Bake ½ hour to ¾ hour or until center of pudding is firm when inserted with a knife. Nice to serve with this is a white cream sauce which a can of shrimp has been added and substitute some of the liquid with shrimp broth.

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on SANDY HOOK

Long Island South Side

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Hempstead Bay		
Deep Creek Meadow	+1	02
Green Island	+1	22
Cuba Island	+1	08
Bellmore, Bellmore Creek	+1	29
Neds Creek	+0	50
Freeport Creek	+0	34
Freeport, Baldwin Bay	+0	38
Long Beach	+0	19
Long Beach, outer coast	- 0	29
Hempstead Bay Continued		
East Rockaway	+0	42
Woodmere, Brosewere Bay	+0	35
East Rockaway Inlet	- 0	06
Jamaica Bay		
Plumb Beach Channel	+0	03
Barren Island, Rockaway Inlet	- 0	00
Beach Channel (bridge)	+0	38
Motts Basin	+0	40
Norton Point, Head of Bay	+0	39
New York International Airport	+0	26
Grassy Bay (bridge)	+0	44
Carnarsie	+0	28
Mill Basin	+0	29
Coney Island	- 0	03
Norton Point, Gravesend Bay	- 0	03
Shinnecock Inlet (ocean)	- 0	50
Ponquogue Bridge, Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
Potunk Point, Moriches Bay	+3	35
Moriches Inlet	- 0	56
Mastic Beach, Moriches Bay	+3	28
Fire Island Breakwater	- 0	39
Democrat Point, Fire Island Inlet	- 0	38
Great South Bay		
Fire Island Light	+0	47
West Fire Island	+2	11
Point O' Woods	+2	28
Bellport, Bellport Bay	+3	44
Patchogue	+3	23
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Great River, Connetquot River	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Oak Beach	+2	24
Babylon	+2	12
Gilgo Heading	+2	23
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City Island	- 0	03
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Whitestone	+0	02
Old Ferry Point	+0	04
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Bayville Bridge	+0	09
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Eatons Point	- 0	01
Lloyd Harbor ent. Huntington	- 0	01
Northport, Northport Bay	- 0	01
Nissequogue River entrance	- 0	07
Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay	+0	05
Stratford Shoal	- 0	09
Pt. Jefferson Harbor entrance	- 0	01
Port Jefferson	+0	02
Setauket Harbor	0	00
Conscience Bay ent. (Narrows)	+0	03
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Greenport	+1	09
Southold	+1	48
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Cedar Island	+0	49
Peconic Bays		
New Suffolk	+2	31
South Jamesport	+2	37
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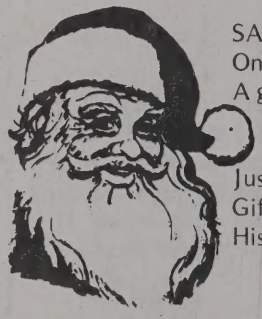

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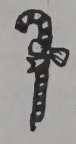

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